

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

INFORMATION STORAGE SYSTEM CAPABLE OF RECORDING AND  
PLAYING BACK A PLURALITY OF STILL PICTURES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5       The present invention relates to an information storage medium capable of recording and playing back a plurality of still pictures, a recording method and apparatus therefor, and a playback method and apparatus therefor.

10      Recently, digital cameras have been prevalently used as media for recording still image information as digital information. In a DVD that records and plays back video information as digital information, menu pictures and the like are displayed as still pictures.

15      In a digital camera, individual sensed still pictures are stored as different files. When each still picture information is saved as an independent file, the following problems remain unsolved.

20      a] Since still pictures are not grouped by similarity of contents or closeness of image sensing times, it becomes troublesome to manage and search individual still pictures.

25      b] As an example of troublesome management of still pictures, different files must be opened to check the contents of each still picture information, resulting in cumbersome contents checking.

c] When a plurality of pieces of still picture

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